

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

WHEREAS, A pattern of heavy rainfall from May 29, 2004, through June 16, 2004, has resulted in an accumulation of record or near-record rainfalls for counties in southeast, northeast, central, and south central South Dakota; and,

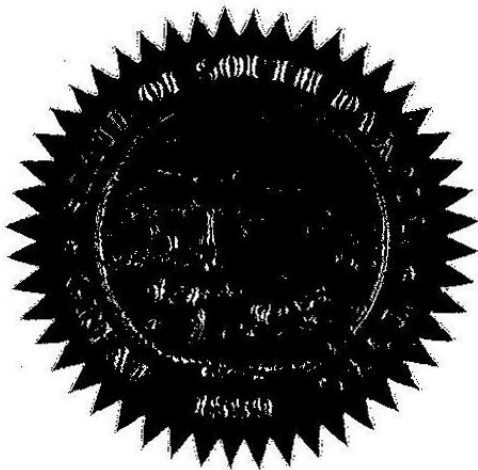
WHEREAS, Heavy rainfalls have generated extensive flash flooding in counties in southeast, northeast, central, and south central South Dakota, causing significant damage to public infrastructure and impacting homes and businesses; and,

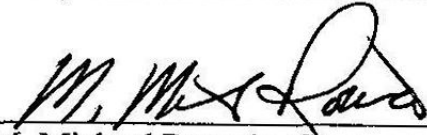
WHEREAS, Flash flood damages to public infrastructure are creating considerable financial hardship to local governments and outside resources are needed to support county, tribal, and local governments in the affected areas:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, under the provisions of SDCL 33-15, otherwise known as the Emergency Management Law, do hereby declare a major disaster to exist in the following South Dakota counties and reservations: Haakon, Jackson, Marshall, Mellette, Minnehaha, Todd, Tripp, Turner, Yankton, and the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the resources available to state government will be utilized under the coordination of the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, in support of local government efforts in the protection of lives and property in the affected counties. Resources of the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be requested to assist the response and recovery efforts of state and local government.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 8th Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State